

**ROCKDALE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

In re the Name Change of Child(ren)

Civil Action Number:

Petitioner,

vs.

Respondent.

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME(S) OF MINOR CHILD(REN)

The Petitioner files this *Petition to Change Names(s) of Minor Child(ren)* and states the following in support of the petition:

1) The Petitioner's name is _____, and he or she resides in Rockdale County, Georgia. Therefore, jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court.

2) The Petitioner's relationship to the children in this action is: *[check only one below.]*

Mother Father Guardian

3) These are the current names, birthdates, and proposed new names of the child(ren) for whom the name change is sought:

<i>Current Name of Child</i>	<i>Year of Birth</i>	<i>Proposed New Name</i>

4) *[Check only one of the following.]*

The minor children live with the Petitioner in Rockdale County, Georgia.

The minor children do not live with the Petitioner. They live with _____ in _____ County, Georgia.

5) The reasons for this name change are as follows: _____

6) The mother of the child(ren) is _____, her address is _____
_____ and she:

[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledge service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.
- Is deceased.
- Has abandoned the child(ren).
- Has not contributed to the support of the child(ren) for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.

7) The father of child(ren) is _____, his address is _____
_____, and he:

[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledge service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.
- Is deceased.
- Has abandoned the child(ren).
- Has not contributed to the support of the child(ren) for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.

8) ***[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]***

- There is no legal guardian for the child(ren) other than the parents(s).
- Both parents are deceased or have abandoned the child(ren) and the guardian of the child(ren).

is _____, whose address is _____
_____, and he or she has consented to this name change and has acknowledge service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.

THEREFORE, the Petitioner asks:

- a) That the name(s) of the minor child(ren) be changed to the names shown in Paragraph 3 of the *Petition*.

[Check one of the following methods of service for each person who must be served. Be sure to carefully read the instructions about service before you complete this part.]

- b) That the sheriff's department personally serve the (mother) (father) (person acting as guardian of the minor children), whose address is shown above.
- c) That the (mother) (father) (person acting as guardian of the minor children) be served by certified mail because he/she resides outside the State of Georgia.
- d) That the court order service by publication for the (mother) (father) (person acting as guardian of the minor children), whose address is unknown.

Dated: _____

Petitioner, Pro Se (Signature)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (day): _____

Email Address: _____